



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Bassem M. Demian
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Applicant is in receipt of an Office Action dated November 5, 2003 finally rejecting claims 12-21. Claims 1-11 are withdrawn from consideration under a restriction requirement and are not the subject of this paper. Applicant hereby appeals from this Final Rejection.

Enclosed is a response under 37 CFR 1.116 to the Office Action, a request for a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003 and a check in the amount of \$340 as the fee for this paper and the accompanying Notice of Appeal.

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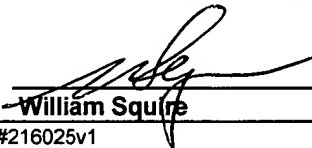
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